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1. BINNING, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF UK CONCORDE PROGRAM, INFORMS US THAT BRITISH/FRENCH MINISTERIAL MEETING WILL BE HELD WITHIN NEXT TWO WEEKS AND PERHAPS AS EARLY AS MARCH 28 OR 29. BINNING, HOWEVER, DOES NOT REPEAT NOT BELIEVE MEETING WILL BE CONCLUSIVE, BECAUSE FINAL BRITISH POSITION ON FUTURE PARTICIPATION IN CONCORDE PROGRAM MAY NOT BE DECIDED UNTIL LATTER PART OF MAY OR EARLY JUNE.

2. BASIC QUESTION BRITISH HAVE YET TO DECIDE IS NUMBER OF AIRCRAFT THEY WILL AGREE TO PRODUCE. ACCORDING TO BINNING, FUTURE MODIFICATIONS TO CONCORDE, IF ANY, WILL BE MINIMAL AND ARE UNLIKELY TO AFFECT TO AN IMPORTANT DEGREE ENVIRONMENTAL CHARACTERISTICS OF AIRCRAFT. BECAUSE OF THIS, BINNING SAYS BRITISH ARE
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PREPARED BRIEF WASHINGTON AGENCIES IN SECOND HALF OF

APRIL REGARDLESS OF OUTCOME OF MINISTERIAL MEETING. IF THIS TIME FRAME IS AGREEABLE TO USG, BINNING WILL ATTEMPT LINE UP FRENCH FOR JOINT APPROACH, BUT HE INDICATED BRITISH WILL BE AVAILABLE WHETHER FRENCH AGREE TO PARTICIPATE OR NOT. BINNING WOULD HEAD CONCORDE TEAM FOR WASHINGTON VISIT.

3. COMMENT. WE NOW HAVE FIRM PROPOSAL ON SPECIFIC TIME FRAME FOR CONCORDE BRIEFINGS AND EMBASSY THEREFORE STRONGLY URGES THAT ISSUANCE OF NPRMS ON SST ENGINE EMISSIONS AND NOISE STANDARDS BE DEFERRED UNTIL AFTER BRIEFINGS TAKE PLACE. BRIEFINGS WILL PROVIDE VERY USEFUL OPPORTUNITY FOR UPDATING LAST PREVIOUS EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION WHICH TOOK PLACE SOME TIME AGO AND WILL HELP ASSUAGE, AT LEAST PARTIALLY, BRITISH SENSITIVITY TOWARD US UNILATERAL MOVES IN AREAS WHICH WILL AFFECT INTERNATIONAL AVIATION IN GENERAL AND CONCORDE IN PARTICULAR. WE WOULD ALSO NOTE THAT WHILE CONCORDE MAY HAVE DIFFICULTY FULLY RECOVERING FROM BLOW DELIVERED BY WEDGEWOOD BENN IN PARLIAMENT MARCH 18 (LONDON 3484), FOR NEXT FEW WEEKS CONCORDE WILL CONTINUE TO BE LIVELY POLITICAL ISSUE AS TRADE UNIONS AND CIVIC GROUPS TRY TO GENERATE SUPPORT FOR CONTINUATION OF THE PROGRAM. DURING THIS PERIOD, WE BELIEVE USG SHOULD, IF AT ALL POSSIBLE, KEEP LOW PROFILE. ACCORDINGLY, FURTHER REASON FOR POSTPONEMENT OF ISSUANCE OF NPRMS UNTIL AFTER WASHINGTON BRIEFINGS WOULD BE TO ALLOW TIME FOR POLITICAL STEAM TO GO OUT OF CONCORDE ISSUE.

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